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## **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-11,14,17-27 are allowed.

As per claims 1-9,14,17-27, the claims are allowed for reasons of arguments presented by the applicant in the amendment letter received on 09/05/2006.

As per claims 10-11, the claims are allowed for reasons as indicated in the office action mailed on 05/03/2006.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tu T. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2424. The examiner can normally be reached on T-F 7:30-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Toatley Jr. can be reached on (571) 272-2800 Ext. 77. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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